



U.S. Department of Justice


United States Marshals Service

District of Idaho

Boise, ID 83724-0010

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MEMORANDUM TO: National and International News Media Agencies

FROM: Patrick E. Mc Donald 
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SUBJECT: Media Advisory for the Trial
U.S.A. v. Sami Omar Al-Hussayen

The U.S. Marshals Service for the District of Idaho intends to coordinate the news media seating in the courtroom for the case of *U.S.A. v. Sami Omar Al-Hussayen* for the U.S. Marshal and the U.S. District Court. This memorandum will help determine the level of media interest in this case and measures necessary to assure fair coverage of the proceedings by the news media.

This memorandum is not an application. An application for media credentials for seating in the courtroom will be made by you on your agency's official letterhead by following the below stated process.

For planning purposes and to help us facilitate your needs for trial coverage, please provide the following information as your application on your agency's official letterhead:

- Media outlet and affiliations
- Name and title
- Contact information
 - Mailing address
 - Telephone and fax numbers
 - Cellular telephone and pager numbers
 - Email address or addresses
- Number of media credentials needed (for reporters and sketch artists)
- Names of reporters/correspondents who may cover trial

This information you provide must be typed on your agency's official letterhead, signed by an agency official and faxed to the U. S. Marshals Service by noon on Monday, April 12, 2004.

Please fax it to the attention of Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal Kevin M. Platts at fax telephone number (208)334-9383. The U. S. Marshals Service news media credentials will be available for you when you arrive at the courtroom on April 13, 2004 for the person(s) who file an application with us. If the fax is not received by that time and date, it could delay your seating in the news media area on April 13, 2004 and you will have to be seated in the public area, if room is available.

The U. S. District Court will have seating for the news media for the trial reserved in the courtroom and a news media credential issued by the U. S. Marshals Service for the District of Idaho will be **REQUIRED** or you will have to sit in the public area, so the information you provide will be helpful and expedite your news media seating arrangements for the entire trial.

The U.S. Clerk of the Court for the District of Idaho has issued Media Ground Rules and the overall Media Plan for the trial under a separate memorandum dated April 5, 2004 from Court Executive/Clerk of the Court Cameron S. Burke.

Please contact Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal Kevin M. Platts at e-mail address kevin.platts@usdoj.gov or at telephone number (208)334-9619 for any other details that you may need assistance with for courtroom news media seating credentials.

Please contact Department of Homeland Security - Federal Protective Service Physical Security Specialist Terry Martin at (208)334-9374 for assistance with access to the James A. Mc Clure Federal Building and U. S. Courthouse parking lot and the exterior news media areas.